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*Happy
Thanksgiving*



Thursday, November 25th
Thanksgiving



Tuesday, November 2nd
Election Day



Thursday, November 11th
Veterans Day



Monday, November 25th
Hanukkah, Begins at Sundown



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Celebrating 200 years of Masonry

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- Tues., Nov. 2 – Election Day
- Wed., Nov. 3, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Election of Officers
- Sun., Nov. 7 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Thurs., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, Fly Old Glory
- Sat., Nov. 13, 7:00 p.m. – Installation of 2022 Officers
- Wed., Nov. 17, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Thurs., Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving
- Mon., Nov. 29 – Hanukkah Begins at Sundown

The month of October was kicked off with our 200th year anniversary dinner thanking our ladies. The dinner was catered by our Brother Huilet the owner of the Chop House in Carrollton. Everyone came dressed in their finest and had a wonderful dinner. The chairman of the committee for the dinner was Brother Vergis and they thought of everything. At the end of the dinner the ladies were presented with a rose, a compact with commemorative writing, to remember the night and a box of chocolates. Brother Vergis was so kind to donate the compacts. The evening was finished with plenty of laughs and fellowship. Thanks for a great evening!

Our next meeting on the 20th of October was Past Masters Night, many come and helped us celebrate all of those who served before us with a good dinner. After the meeting there was some great fellowship.

Then the following Wednesday, the 27th of October, we had our chili and bean dinner. There was some great chili and bean soup along with some ghost chili to try your luck with. Many brought the entire family and friends. The more participation the better the fun!

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Sun., Nov. 7 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
Thurs., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, Fly Old Glory
Fri., Nov. 12, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Election of Officers
Thurs., Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving
Fri., Nov. 26, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Awards Night
Mon., Nov. 29 – Hanukkah Begins at Sundown
Fri., Dec. 3, 6:00 p.m. – Installation Dinner, Temple Ballroom
7:30 p.m. – Installation of 2022 Lodge Officers

My dear Brethren! It is with a very heavy heart that I write my last article for the Masonic Bulletin as Worshipful Master of McKinley Lodge No. 431. Many of you know my father and our Masonic Brother Jim Seelye, Sr., passed away on October 8th at the age of 76. I've been thinking about many of the wonderful lessons this great man and character taught me, and since so much of it applies to our fraternity, I thought that rather than reflecting on passing Inspection, having a great Table and Outdoor Lodge, I'd leave us all with some words of wisdom from a great man, father, grandfather, great grandfather and vietnam. A Veteran, who twice refused the Purple Heart and a police officer of nearly 30 years of service.

One who know what it means to be a good man and steadfast friend, and then do it. Speak with an open and full heart, and mean what you say. When you make a commitment, no matter what, no matter how large or small, do it. Be honest. Do not ever, under any circumstances, talk about people behind their back. If you spread gossip, rumors, and thoroughly enjoy talking about people and spreading discord, you are one of the worst sorts of people, and not worthy of being a good man or Mason (he said that more than once.) Do all within your power to make everyone's lives happier and better, no matter how small the gesture. Surround yourself with the best. Work hard, and when you think you've worked hard enough, work harder. Always remember that others have it way worse than you. Be a good husband, boyfriend or partner. Be the kind

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- Thurs., Nov. 4, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting, Election of Officers
- Sun., Nov. 7 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Thurs., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, Fly Old Glory
- Thurs., Nov. 18, 7:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Fri., Nov. 19. 7:00 p.m. – Installation of Lodge 2022 Officers
- Thurs., Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving
- Mon., Nov. 29 – Hanukkah Begins at Sundown

Hello Brethren! Winter is near and it’s time to finish those little projects around the house before weather won’t allow you to. November is here and we have a lot going on this month at Trinity. Our Officers Installation in Friday, November 19th. It’s an open installation, so come out and support our newly elected Brethren. The Installation will start at 7:00 p.m. and dinner will follow.

Election Day is Tuesday, November 2nd, so make sure you get out and vote. Daylight Saving Time ends on Sunday, November 7th so reset those clocks.

Veterans Day is November 11th, please be sure to thank a Veteran and say a prayer for our fallen heroes and the families of those great people.

The second stated meeting this month, Thursday, November 18th, we are having a Past Masters’ Night. If you are a Past Master, please come and join us at lodge. It would be nice to see as many Past Masters attending as possible to make this evening even more special.

I would like to wish each and every one of you a happy and blessed Thanksgiving, be safe and God bless!

In closing: Speak with honesty, think with sincerity, act with integrity!

John Haslam, Worshipful Master

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Tues., Nov. 2 - Election Day

Sun., Nov. 7 – Daylight Savings Time Ends

Wed. Nov. 10 , 6:00 p.m. - Light Meal Served North Canton Masonic Temple

7:00 p.m. – Daughters of Mokanna Stated Meeting

7:00 p.m. - Nazir Grotto Stated Meeting

Thurs., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, Fly Old Glory

Thurs., Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving

Mon., Nov. 29 – Hanukkah Begins at Sundown

Monarch’s Message:

It sure was nice to finally attend a meeting in October. Due to health issues, it was rough for me to get out. We were inspected by our District Deputy, Dave Darling from Al Sirat Grotto. Too bad there were not a lot of Nazir Prophets in attendance, but we did well!

Wanted, Officer Candidates; November will be our nomination for Grotto Officers. If you are interested in becoming an officer, please let us know.

Yours in Good Fellowship

Tom Richards, Monarch

Secretary / Treasurer Notes:

Happy Turkey Month, I hope you all have received your Dues Notices by now, they were mailed out on October 15th. Dues are due by January 1st, 2022.

November is Nomination of Officers time, if you are interested in becoming an officer please attend our meeting and we’ll get you nominated.

I would like to thank Aut Mori, Yusef Khan and the Daughters of Yusef Khan for the hospitality you gave me while attending your Stated Meeting, Monarchs Ball and Installation. Had a great time!

Please be safe. See you soon

Yours in Sympathy and Good Fellowship

David A. McIntyre, P.M., Nazir Sec/Treas. OGA President

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- Tues., Nov. 2 – Election Day
- Mon., Nov. 8, 7:00 p.m. – Practice, Most Excellent Master Degree
- Sun., Nov. 7 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Thurs., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, Fly Old Glory
- Tues., Nov. 16, 7:00 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Mon., Nov. 22, 7:00 p.m. – Practice, Most Excellent Master Degree
- Thurs., Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving
- Mon., Nov. 29 – Hanukkah Begins at Sundown

Greetings Companions! Welcome to the start of the Holiday Season. Please don't forget Daylight Savings Time ends on the 7th. Have a great Thanksgiving celebration and remember our companions in need. As always be careful with this COVID-19.

Our inspection is January 24th 2022.

My best wishes to you and your families.

David Becker H. P.

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of father that your children will always look back on with the utmost pride. Remember the Golden Rule. Finally, remember that we are not alone, and that there is always someone watching over us.

My brethren, it has been the greatest pleasure and honor to pause in the East of William McKinley Lodge No. 431. I've sat in the seat of giants. I've done all I could to "Make Freemasonry Real," at least how I feel that it should truly be practiced; as a brotherhood of men celebrating each other and doing whatever it takes to help each other, with no ego, no expectation for honors and just trying to make the world a better place. Never underestimate the power of a small group of committed people and their ability to change the world. Why? Because that is the only thing that ever has.

With love, humility, and respect

Jim Seelye, Worshipful Master

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- Mon., Nov. 1 - All Saints Day
Tues., Nov. 2 - Election Day
Sun., Nov. 7 - Daylight Savings Time Ends
Thurs., Nov. 11 - Veterans Day, Fly Old Glory
Tues., Nov. 16, 7:45 p.m. - Stated Meeting
Thurs., Nov. 25 - Thanksgiving
Mon., Nov. 29 - Hanukkah Begins at Sundown

Greetings Companions! To all Veterans whether they be a Masons or not, I sincerely thank you for your service and your sacrifice. I share the pride you feel in being able to say you have served in the greatest military organization in the world. Thank you all for choosing to honor out veterans today and every day and show your support of our heroes, past and present.

The inspection degree for this year is the Super Excellent Master and we are going to have practices so be on the lookout for that information and also, if you have conferred a part before you will be contacted. I am looking forward to a great year as you all should be as well.

Ty Youngman, Illustrious Master

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- Mon., Nov. 1 – Corner Stone Laying, George Washington Masonic Memorial 1923
- Tues., Nov. 2 – Election Day
 7:00 p.m. - Order of the Temple Practice, Changed from November 1st
- Sun., Nov. 7 – Daylight Savings Time Ends
- Thurs., Nov. 11 – Veterans Day, Fly Old Glory
- Mon., Nov. 15, 7:00 p.m. – Practice, Order of the Temple Degree
- Tues., Nov. 16, 8:30 p.m. – Stated Meeting
- Thurs., Nov. 25 – Thanksgiving
- Fri., Nov. 26 – Washington Creates National Day of Thanksgiving, 1789
- Fri., Dec. 3, 7:00 p.m. – Posting Colors, McKinley Lodge No. 431 Installation
- Sat., Dec. 4, 8:00 a.m. – Breakfast at Wadsworth Masonic Temple
 9:00 a.m. - North Central Division CTA, Order of the Temple Degree

Sir Knights! By the time you read this, Grand Commandery will be over and we will have a new Rite Eminent Grand Commander.

Practices will still be happening as we have a lot of Sir Knights in new positions and it will take all of us working together to make inspection successful. I would like for the Sword Bearer, Standard Bearer and Warder to attend the Stated Meetings and practices, so we can practice advancing the flag to its station in the east.

Remember our past and current Veterans on Veterans Day and if you are a Veteran, I humbly thank you for your sacrifice and service.

Sir Knights! The North Central Division CTA will be conducting a stop action Order of the Temple Degree on December 4th, at the Wadsworth Masonic Temple. Breakfast served at 8:00 a.m. for a fee. The Order of Temple Degree, stop action begins at 9:00 a.m. All line officers are encouraged to attend, but it is open to all Sir Knights.

Sir Knights! I wish you all a happy Thanksgiving and safe journey in your travels; take a moment and reflect on all that you have to be thankful for.

“It is the duty of all Nations to acknowledge the providence of Almighty God, to obey his will, to be grateful for his benefits, and humbly to implore his protection and favor” George Washington’s Thanksgiving Proclamation, 1789

Russ Myers Jr. Eminent Commander

Earky History of Masonry; Speculative versus Operative Masons

To understand whence we came, one set of definitions is necessary. We call ourselves “speculative” Masons, but our ancient brethren were “operative” masons. The speculative Mason refers to Masons who do not work as masons. The operative mason was, and is, one who plies the trade of masonry. Today, we consider operative masons to be stonemasons, but in the Middle Ages the term was broader, covering carpenters and other tradesmen as well as stonemasons.

The roots of what we know as modern Masonry are obscured. And the changes in the Masonic fraternity, which have occurred over the years, make our origins even more indistinct. The root of Masonry can be traced back to antiquity through the histories of builders and their organizations. Generally speaking, there are five major theories suggested to answer the questions regarding Masonry’s origins.

The first theory is that the medieval building guilds were the descendants of the architectural brotherhood of antiquity. Through the centuries, the master builders used apprentices in the construction projects. These apprentices trained to be craftsmen and ultimately masters of their crafts. Further it is suggested that the training was not limited to the craft, but included instruction in ethics and morality. This, according to theory, should come as no surprise since the major building efforts were sponsored by the Church, or by princes or political leaders closely associated with the Church.

The second theory suggests that the origin of Masonry begins at the times of the various crusades. The Knights Templar Crusaders became aware of some of the esoteric traditions of antiquity of the Near East, and the history and mythology of Jerusalem’s destroyed Temple of Solomon. This theory further suggests that the Knights Templar developed and adopted those traditions into their own ceremonies and, even after the suppression of their order in 1307, their rites and ceremonies continued and formed the basis of what subsequently became known as Masonry.

The third theory says that Masonry originated in the 1300s by a group of philosophers and moralists, who adopted architectural allegories, including the tools of the building trades, as a method of expressing their concepts of the values and ethics of life. During this time in the development of the world, new thought and the questioning of generally accepted explanations of ethics, and even the explanations regarding the workings of the world, were not viewed with universal enthusiasm. In 1633, the Inquisition forced Galileo to deny the theory that the earth moved around the sun; instead of the then accepted truth that the sun moved around the earth. Therefore, secrecy in such an organization could be explained.

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Basic Masonic Philosophy as the fourth theory ascribes the origin of Masonry to the German philosopher Rosenkruetz (which means Red Cross).Rosenkruetz traveled to the Holy Land in the late 1300s. He returned to Germany in 1401 and is believed to have died there in 1484. The theory says he created a secret society known as the Rosicrucians (Rosy Cross,) whose existence was not suspected for 120 years. But in 1605 it began to excite attention in Germany and, later in France. The theory holds that the beliefs and ordinances of the Rosicrucian Society served as the basis for today’s Masonic organizations.

The theory usually accepted as the most reasonable suggests that modern day Freemasonry had its roots in the Middle Age building guilds, with no direct extension back to antiquity. But regardless of which theory of origin you accept, a combination of record and guess has to be used to show how present day Freemasonry developed.

Behind the ceremonies of all Masonic Degrees lies a fundamental conception of this world in which we live and man’s place in it. It is based on the belief common to all religions and to almost all systems of philosophy that there exists, somewhere, a Supreme Being who created this world, and of whom all mankind are the instruments and servants. With the particular attributes of this Supreme Being, and the manner and form in which He should be worshiped, Masonry has no concern. It emphasizes three fundamental ideas that God exists (by whatever name.)

Men are put into this world to exercise their faculties and work as God’s instruments. Their work is to be performed in accordance with certain principles of morality and justice which are indicated by the laws of nature and by revelation contained in the Sacred Writings. Freemasonry has no sacred book of its own. The sacred book most often used is the Holy Bible but will always be the Volume of Sacred Law attributed to the candidate’s faith. The Masonic ritual has to do with the building of a great Temple. In the erection of this Temple many workmen are engaged, divided into crafts according to their ability and skills, and directed by overseers who are called Masters and Wardens.

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Sat., Nov. 13, 8:30 a.m. – Breakfast
Clinton Lodge Masonic Temple
9:00 a.m. – Monthly Meeting

My brothers! It has been a true pleasure serving as President of Masters, Wardens, and Deacons Association this past Masonic year. When I was first appointed as Senior Steward, the last Steward, RWB Gust Goutras told me, “Jim, it is time to start coming to Master, Warden and Deacons.” I’m happy I followed his advice. I met so many wonderful men who are now great friends. I learned what was going on in other lodges, as well as officers whom I’d be serving with. It was all time well spent and I cannot encourage up and coming Masons enough to attend; remember, you don’t have to be an officer to attend these meetings and meet brethren from around the area. I wish the incoming officers the best. The past years have gone by quickly and I look forward to what is in store in the future.

My best,
Jim Seelye, President

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Wednesday, November 3rd, we will hold the election of new officers and will meet and congratulate next year’s team. The followed Saturday, November 13th will be Installation of Officers. More information will follow on each of these two events.

Looking forward to seeing you at these events and in lodge, and give our love to the family!

Mike Emery, Worshipful Master

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